For Immediate Release: 12/21/2020 For further information, contact:

Kelly McFalls kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov Tel (508) 532-5437 M (774) 285-1315

COVID-19 UPDATE

Since Friday, December 18, 122 Residents have Tested Positive, 108 More have Recovered, and City Learns of Two New Fatalities Associated with COVID-19;

Free Testing Schedule in Framingham Adjusted this Week Due to Holiday Closure at Labs;
Health Department Distributes Demographic COVID-19 Data;
City to Update Food Resource Guide on a Weekly Basis During Current COVID-19 Surge

- Since Friday, December 18, 122 residents have tested positive, 108 more have recovered, and the City learns of two new fatalities associated with COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 4,614. With 3,394 recovered and 170 fatalities, Framingham currently has 1,050 active cases. The Framingham Health Department contacts the people who were potentially exposed and the owners of the businesses or places of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps (contact tracing). In addition to the active cases, the Health Department is following 489 residents in quarantine.
- Schedule for free COVID-19 testing in Framingham adjusted this week due to holiday closure at labs: Schedule for the State's <u>Project Beacon Express COVID-19 Testing Site</u> located in Framingham:
 - Wednesday, December 23: Operating with limited hours, fewer appointments available
 - Thursday, December 24: CLOSED
 - o Friday, December 25: CLOSED

Schedule for <u>free walk-up testing at the South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC)</u>,7 Bishop Street, for Framingham residents:

- Wednesday, December 23: Testing will be conducted 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Thursday, December 24: CLOSED
- Friday, December 25: CLOSED
- The City's Department of Public Health distributes demographic COVID-19 data on all
 confirmed cases in Framingham since March 1, 2020: Data includes information on confirmed
 cases by age, gender, race/ethnicity, fatalities, nursing homes, and residential settings.
 Reference today's data release here.
- New food resource guide developed by Framingham's Emergency Food Line to better manage
 the food demand during the current COVID-19 surge: The City will distribute a weekly updated
 guide in English, Portuguese, and Spanish every Monday.